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1. AMBASSADOR BENNETT MET AT USUN NOVEMBER 1 FOR REGULAR CONSULTATIONS WITH AMB KAUFMANN OF THE NETHERLANDS, REPRESENTING THE EC-9 IN NEW YORK. PETREE AND SHUMATE FROM USUN AND AMBASSADOR QUARLES AND NIEHE FOR THE NETHERLANDS ALSO PARTICIPATED. THE DISUCSSION RANGED OVER A NUMBER OF THE CURRENT ISSUES OF INTEREST IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

2. CYPRUS: AMB KAUFMANN REVIEWED THEIR PRESENT UNDERSTANDING OF THE SCENARIO IN WHICH THE CYPRUS "PRINCIPLES" WILL NOT BE PRESENTED TO THE PARTIES UNTIL AFTER THE UNGA DEBATE ON THE ISSUE (SCHEDULED NOV 8-10). KAUFMANN ASKED IF THIS WERE PARTLY BECAUSE TO ENUNCIATE THE PRINCIPLES PRIOR TO THAT TIME WOULD ALLOW PEOPLE TO "MESS AND MEDDLE" WITH THEM. BENNETT ACKNOWLEDGED THERE WAS THAT POSSIBILITY. KAUFMANN SAID WE COULD WORK ON A SCENARIO IN WHICH THE PRINCIPLES WOULD BE GIVEN TO THE PARTIES, PERHAPS IN DECEMBER. HE INQUIRED WHETHER THE PRINCIPLES WOULD BE CONVEYED THROUGH WALDHEIM OR DIRECTLY BY THE U.S. BENNETT REPLIED THAT WE INTENDED TO KEEP WALDHEIM CLOSELY INFORMED AND INVOLVED

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IN THE ACTION. HE SAID OUR THINKING WAS THAT PRINCIPLES

WOULD BE PRESENTED TO THE PARTIES DIRECTLY BY THE U.S., FOLLOWED BY APPROPRIATE EC-9 SUPPORT; COOPERATION BY THE EC-9 HAS BEEN AND WOULD BE USEFUL. KAUFMANN SAID HI INSTRUCTIONS WERE TO CLEAR HIS UNGA SPEECH ON BEHALF OF THE NINE ON CYPRUS WITH USUN, NOT IN WASHINGTON, EXPLAINING HIS REQUIREMENT FOR BEING KEPT CLOSELY INFORMED OF U.S. THINKING ON THIS MATTER.

3. NON USE OF FORCE: BENNETT SAID NO FINAL DECISION HAS BEEN TAKEN ON HOW HARD TO PRESS FOR REFERRAL OF THIS ITEM TO THE SIXTH COMMITTEE THIS GA SESSION. KAUFMANN SAID THE EC-9 HAS NO FIRM VIEW, BUT PROBABLY GENERALLY BELIEVES THE LESS SAID THE BETTER AT THIS STAGE IN ORDER TO AVOID GIVING NUF MORE STATUS. KAUFMANN POINTED OUT THAT THE SIXTH COMMITTEE HAS NOT ADOPTED A WORK AGENDA AND IN ANY CASE IT PROBABLY WOULD NOT BE ABLE EITHER TO COMPLETE. PRESENTLY SCHEDULED WORK, OR TO TAKE UP NUF, AS A PRACTICAL MATTER. THUS, HE SUGGESTED, THE ITEM MAY SIMPLY LANGUISH. IF SO, IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO SATISFY OUR REQUIREMENT FOR C-6 TREATMENT BY PRO FORMA AGREEMENT OR ACTION BY GA PRESIDENT ON REFERRAL. HE SAID HE CONSIDERED THIS ITEM MERELY THE ANNUAL SOVIET PROPAGANDA EFFORT.

4. GUAM: BENNETT SAID HE HOPED THIS YEAR A TIMELY EFFORT TO COOPERATE WITH THE EC-9 ON THIS ITEM WILL PRODUCE BETTER RESULTS THAN LAST YEAR. KAUFMANN SAID HE BELIEVES THAT IN THIS CASE THE NINE WILL BE ABLE TO WORK WITH US. BENNETT SAID HE HOPED THAT LANGUAGE WOULD EMERGE ON WHICH THE US COULD ABSTAIN AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE SUPPORT ON THE MATTER FROM OUR FRIENDS AND ALLIES.

5. ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES: KAUFMANN SAID THAT AT THE PRESENT MOMENT THERE WERE SEVEN NEGATIVE VOTES ON THE RESOLUTION WITH DENMARK AND IRELAND AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS. THE EC-9 DID NOT INTEND TO MAKE A UNIFIED EXPLANATION OF THEIR VOTE, HE SAID, REFLECTING THE VARIOUS NUANCES IN THE POSITIONS OF THE NINE.

6. APARTHEID: KAUFMANN SAID THAT THE EC-9 WAS SOMEWHERE BETWEEN ABSTENTION AND OPPOSITIN ON RESOLUTIONS DEALING CONFIDENTIAL

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WITH ARMS EMBARGO AND APARTHEID IN SPORTS, AS WELL AS ON COOPERATION BETWEEN ISRAEL AND SOUTH AFRICA. ON THE PORTS AND OTHER ITEMS, THE NINE CAN NOT VOTE YES IN ANY EVENT, SINCE THE LANGUAGE CONTRAVENES DOMESTIC LAW IN SEVERAL CASES.

7. CHILE: KAUFMANN SAID THE BRITISH AND DUTCH WERE WORKING ON THE THIRD COMMITTEE RESOLUTION, DEALING WITH

CUBA AMONG OTHERS. HE SAID ECONOMIC SANCTIONS WOULD NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE TEXT; RATHER, THE MAIN THRUST OF IT WOULD BE REGARDING THE ADMISSION OF THE COMMISSION INTO CHILE. BENNETT SAID THE U.S. VOTE WOULD DEPEND ON THE LANGUAGE AS IT EMERGES. KAUFMANN SAID THAT HE WOULD PROVIDE US WITH A TEXT AS IT DEVELOPS.

8. SECRETARIAT PERSONNEL: BENNETT BRIEFED KAUFMANN ON THE IRAQ/IRAN PROPOSAL BEFORE THE FIFTH COMMITTEE. KAUFMANN SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO IT AND INDICATED THAT THE EC-9 UNDOUBTEDLY WOULD WANT TO WORK WITH US ON THIS PROBLEM.
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